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SUBJECT: TARIFF COMMISSION REPORT ON BALL BEARINGS

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1. COMMISSION MAJORITY FOUND JULY 30 DOMESTIC INDUSTRY OR INDUSTRIES BEING SERIOUSLY INJURED BY INCREASED IMPORTS OF BALL BEARINGS (EXCEPT RADIAL BALL BEARINGS HAVING AN OUTSIDE DIAMETER OF UNDER 9 MILLIMETERS--THE SO-CALLED MINIATURE BEARINGS--AND EXCEPT BALL BEARINGS IMPORTED FROM CANADA UNDER THE DUTY-FREE ENTRY PROVIDED BY THE AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS TRADE ACT OF 1965) AND THAT, THE RATES OF DUTY PROVIDED FOR IN TSUS ITEM 680.33 MUST BE INCREASED FROM 6 PERCENT TO 12 PERCENT AD VALOREM AND ON BALL BEARINGS (EXCEPT RADIAL BALL BEARINGS HAVING AN OUTSIDE DIAMETER OF UNDER 9 MILLIMETERS) PROVIDED FOR IN TSUS ITEM 680.35 FROM 1.7 CENTS PER POUND PLUS 7 1/2 PERCENT AD VALOREM TO 3.4 CENTS PER POUND PLUS 15 PERCENT AD VALOREM, I.E., THE RATES THAT WERE IN EFFECT BEFORE THE KENNEDY ROUND MUST BE RESTORED.

2. THEY ALSO FOUND THAT IMPORTS OF ANTIFRICTION BALLS PROVIDED FOR IN ITEM 680.30 AND BALL BEARINGS, RADIAL, HAVING AN OUTSIDE DIAMETER OF UNDER 9 MILLIMETERS PROVIDED FOR IN ITEM 680.35 ARE NOT, CAUSING OR THREATENING SERIOUS INJURY. THEY MADE NO FINDING WITH RESPECT TO ANTI-FRICTION BALLS AND BALL BEARINGS IMPORTED FROM CANADA UNDER

THE DUTY-FREE ENTRY PROVIDED BY THE AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS TRADE ACT OF 1965, AS PROVIDED FOR IN ITEMS 680.31, 680.34 AND 680.36 OF THE TSUS OR PARTS PROVIDED FOR IN 680.35 OF THE TSUS.

3. ONE COMMISSIONER FOUND THAT BALL BEARINGS AND PARTS THEREOF PROVIDED FOR IN ITEM 680.35 AND ANTIFRICTION BALLS AND BALL BEARINGS THAT ENTER DUTY-FREE FROM CANADA AS PROVIDED FOR IN ITEMS 680.31, 680.34 AND 680.36 ARE, CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY. IN ORDER TO REMEDY SERIOUS INJURY, HE FOUND (1) THAT A TARIFF QUOTA MUST BE IMPOSED ON IMPORTS OF BALL BEARINGS AND PARTS THEREOF CLASSIFIABLE UNDER 680.35, PROVIDING FOR EACH OF THE PERTINENT 7-DIGIT TSUS CLASSES IN ITEM 680.35 THAT THE PRESENT RATE OF DUTY SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO IMPORTS OF ARTICLES EACH CALENDAR YEAR UNTIL A VOLUME EQUIVALENT TO THAT ENTERED IN 1970 IS IMPORTED, AND THE STATUTORY RATE OF DUTY SHALL BE APPLIC-

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ABLE TO IMPORTS OF ARTICLES ENTERED IN EXCESS OF THAT VOLUME; (2) THAT THE TARIFF QUOTAS SHOULD BE ADJUSTED EACH SUBSEQUENT CALENDAR YEAR TO AMOUNTS THAT WOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE SAME SHARE OF CURRENT U.S. CONSUMPTION AS IN 1970; AND (3) THAT THE RATES OF DUTY ON ANTIFRICTION BALLS AND BALL BEARINGS THAT ENTER DUTY FREE FROM CANADA MUST BE INCREASED TO 4 CENTS PER POUND PLUS 12.5 PERCENT AD VALOREM FOR SUCH ARTICLES CLASSIFIED UNDER ITEM 680.31, 12 PER-

CENT AD VALOREM FOR THOSE CLASSIFIED UNDER ITEM 680.34,  
AND 3.4 CENTS PER POUND PLUS 15 PERCENT AD VALOREM FOR  
THOSE CLASSIFIED UNDER ITEM 680.36.

4. MINORITY COMMISSIONER ALSO FOUND THAT ANTIFRICTION  
BALLS PROVIDED FOR IN ITEM 680.30 AND BALL BEARINGS WITH  
INTEGRAL SHAFTS PROVIDED FOR IN ITEM 680.33 ARE NOT CAUS-  
ING OR THREATENING SERIOUS INJURY.

5. EXECUTIVE AGENCIES WILL REVIEW REPORT AND FORMULATE  
RECOMMENDATION TO PRESIDENT.

6. GENEVA AND PARIS INFORM GATT AND OECD SECRETARIAT.  
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